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Applicant: Hoke, et al.
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Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed February 21, 2003, please consider the following arguments.

Remarks

We respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-3 and 6-8 as non-obvious over the English translation of DE 40 07 965 A1 (DE '965) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,673,594 (U.S. '594). We respectfully submit that DE '965 and U.S. '594 would not be combined by one of ordinary skill in the art as proposed in the Office action. While a "tacky characteristic" said to be imparted by clay as disclosed in U.S. '594 (column 2, lines 55-57) might be beneficial for adhering insulating refractory fibers to a furnace wall, it would be problematic for the significantly different application of adhering non-fibrous catalyst material (in the form of "bulk

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